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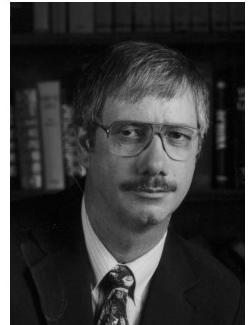
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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



In July, the Missouri Dental Board elected me to serve as the Board's President. I am proud to serve as President of the Board and one of my goals this year is to keep our licensees informed of Board activities. Within the last year, the Board has actively pursued a harmonious working relationship with the Missouri Dental Association, the Missouri Dental Hygiene Association and the Missouri Dental Assistants Association. A special thank you to the presidents, Dr. Robert Nelson (MDA), Ms. Deborah Gerecke (MDHA) and Ms. Mary Lou Young (MDAA) for their continued efforts in this endeavor.

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The membership of the Board has changed dramatically since our last newsletter. Governor Mel Carnahan appointed Dr. Rodney L. Beard and Ms. E. Maxine Thompson (public member) on October 21, 1998. Dr. Guy S. Deyton was appointed on February 26, 1999, and Ms. Patricia A. Lepp (hygiene member) was appointed on June 11, 1999. Governor Carnahan's most recent appointment was Dr. Rolfe C. McCoy on October 21, 1999. I greatly appreciate the dedication and hard work of our former members and look forward to continuing our work with the newest members of the Board and improving the services we provide to our licensees.

There are several important issues being addressed by the Board at this time. One of the issues that I find most alarming is the decline of licensed dentists in Missouri. Statistics show that the total licensee count for dentists has dropped from 3,751 in 1992 to 3,214 in 1999. This is an over-all decline of 537 dentists, or approximately 67 dentists per year. As President of the Missouri Dental Board, I have initiated the first step toward addressing this problem. At our January 15, 2000 meeting, the Board brought together a group of individuals to discuss this alarming statistic and to try and work toward resolving the problem. Invited guests included Governor Mel Carnahan; the Director of the Department of Economic Development, Joseph L. Driskill; the Director of the Division of Professional Registration, Randall J. Singer; Dean Michael Reed from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry; the Interim Chancellor of the University of Missouri at Kansas City; the Chancellor of the University of Missouri-Columbia; all members of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri; the State Senator and State Representative of each of the members of the Board and the members of the Professional Registration and Licensing Committee of the Missouri House of Representatives. More information will be provided regarding the Board's work in this area in future newsletter publications.

Dr. Guy Deyton, who is the Chairman of the Missouri Dental Board's Policy Review Committee, has established an ad-hoc committee to study proposed changes in the Board's rule on General Anesthesia. At the same time, this committee will be studying the recent revisions to the Board's rule on Parenteral Conscious Sedation. The purpose of the

committee is to study the need for further regulations in this area and to propose changes to the Board if the rules are found to be lacking in any area. The Policy Review Committee has many prioritized tasks that they are currently considering. These tasks include, but are not limited to, proposed legislation; the well-being committee; laser dentistry; the dental assisting rule; biennial renewal; denial of insurance dental claims; delegable procedures for teeth bleaching and certification of dental specialists.

Dr. Oswald Thomas, Chairman of the Missouri Dental Board's Complaint Review Committee, has an ongoing task of addressing the more than two hundred complaints that come before the Board on an annual basis. The Complaint Review Committee reviews each complaint individually before presenting to the full Board.

In July, the Missouri Dental Board hired a new executive director, Sharlene Rimiller. Ms. Rimiller comes to the Board as its executive director with more than twenty-seven years of government experience. For the past 17 years, Ms. Rimiller has served as the executive director for one or more professional licensing agencies within the Division of Professional Registration. We are confident that Ms. Rimiller's extensive experience in professional licensing and regulation will be a tremendous asset to the work of the Missouri Dental Board. The Board also hired a new in-house investigator, Ms. Anita Johnson. Ms. Johnson is responsible for coordinating the work of our two field investigators, Mr. Ed Irvin and Mr. Charles Sherman. She will be handling all of the Board's complaint and investigative processes.

In summary, let me say that I am honored to be President of the Missouri Dental Board. Let us know if there are any topics you would like to see addressed in our newsletter. I encourage you to contact any board member, our central office, or me if there is anything we might do for you.



Larry W. Jackson, D.D.S.  
Board President

## NEW MEMBER PROFILES



**Rodney L. Beard, D.D.S.** graduated from Northwestern University in 1969 with a BA degree in Chemistry and from Northwestern University Dental School in 1972. He has practiced dentistry in Liberty, Missouri since 1973. He is also a member of the ADA and the Greater Kansas City

Dental Society. Dr. Beard has a wife and 6 children. All of the children are entering or pursuing health field professions.



**E. Maxine Thompson** is a retired school teacher. She received her BA and MA from San Francisco State University in San Francisco, California, and taught for sixteen years in that state before retiring to her home town of Cameron, Missouri. Ms. Thompson is a member

of the California Retired Teachers Association, the Sierra Club and the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. She has four sons and volunteers her time at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and in schools and civic clubs in Cameron.



**Guy S. Deyton, D.D.S.** graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1975 with a BA degree in Education and from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry in 1984. He has practiced dentistry in Kansas City, Missouri since 1985 after having served a general

practice residency at the Veterans Administration in Leavenworth, Kansas. Dr. Deyton is a member of the American Dental Association and is currently serving as Vice President of the Missouri Dental Association. He has previously served as President of the Greater Kansas City Dental Society and as a Missouri Dental Association trustee. Dr. Deyton has authored several articles published in professional journals on practice management and dental auxiliary training.



**Patricia A. Lepp, R.D.H.** received her associate degree in dental hygiene from the Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. She is currently employed as a dental hygienist with the Sunset Hills Dental Group in St. Louis, Missouri. Ms. Lepp also serves as the hygiene schedule coordinator with Sunset Hills Dental Group and as administrator with Prepayment Dental Plan.



**Rolfe C. McCoy, D.M.D.** graduated from Washington University in 1982 with a BA in Biology and a DMD in 1985. He has practiced dentistry in Chillicothe, Missouri since 1985. He is a member of the American Dental Association; the Academy of General Dentistry; the Missouri Academy of General Dentistry; the Missouri Dental Association; the Northwest Missouri Dental Society; the Grand River Dental Society; the Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped and the Missouri Forensic Dental Mass Disaster Team. Dr. McCoy is married and has three children, ages 11, 7 and 4.

## RENEWALS

Renewal applications were mailed to all currently licensed dentists, dental specialists and dental hygienists on October 15th, which was approximately six-weeks behind schedule. The reason for the delay was the implementation of a new licensure system that went on-line in September. More information regarding this new licensure system is found later in this newsletter. We are currently averaging about three to six weeks behind schedule in processing the renewal applications and issuing the renewal licenses. The Board appreciates everyone's patience during this transition period and promises better and faster service in the future.

As with any new computer system, there are a few bugs that need to be worked out. However, there are some things that the Board is unable to change. For example, the renewal licenses are printed with the name of the licensee and the licensee's address. This is a unified licensure system for the entire Division and we are told that the address must be included on the license. Licensees who do not want their license printed with their home address may consider establishing a separate mailing address, such as a post office box. Another problem has been that business names have been printing on the renewal licenses. In many cases these are business names that are no longer applicable to the licensee. If you receive a license that has a business name included and you are no longer associated with the business, please notify the Board office in writing and we will remove that information from our licensing files and print you a duplicate license. The Board appreciates your patience while we work through these problems and perfect our new licensing system.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

All licensees were required to have completed their continuing education credits by no later than November 30, 1999. Dentists and dental specialists were required to have completed seventy-five (75) hours in this last time



block (December 1, 1996 through November 30, 1999) and dental hygienists were required to have completed forty-five (45) hours. Those licensees requesting an extension of time this year to complete the required number of continuing education hours is presenting a problem to the Board. The Administrative Hearing Commission has ruled that the Board only has the authority by statute to waive continuing education requirements. When a licensee does not meet the continuing education requirements, the Board can pursue one of three options. 1 – The Board can waive the requirements under Section 332.181.5 and 332.261.5, RSMo for retired or disabled licensees or for other good cause. The Board, in its discretion, determines whether a licensee qualifies for a waiver under the statute. 2 – If a licensee does not qualify for a waiver, the Board has the option not to renew the license, in which case the licensee is not entitled to practice after November 30<sup>th</sup>. The third option is for the Board to issue a probated license under Section 620.149, RSMo. However, a probated license is discipline. Disciplinary actions are reportable to the national disciplinary data banks and any form of discipline is a permanent record. Therefore, the Board strongly encourages all its licensees to earn the required number of continuing education credits in this next time block (December 1, 1999 through November 30, 2002) to avoid the necessity of the Board initiating a probated license, or some other form of discipline for practicing without a valid and current license. The Board also emphasizes that waivers are not an option unless the licensee is retired or disabled, or has other good cause. Generally, a waiver request is not approved by the Board if the licensee is in active practice. The Board will determine what is considered good cause. The Board strongly encourages any licensee that is considering asking for a waiver of the continuing education requirements for the next time block to request the waiver well in advance of the expiration date of the license. This should be done primarily to protect the licensee should the Board decide not to approve the request, in

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which case the licensee has time to earn the number of hours required before the license expiration date.

## NEW LAW BOOKS

Included with this newsletter mailing is your new copy of the Missouri Dental Board's revised statute and regulation book. The Board would like to direct your attention to several revisions in both the statutes and the regulations. With the passage of House Bill No. 343 in the last legislative session, two new sections were created and other sections of the practice act were revised. Minor revisions (mainly clean up) were made to Section 332.021. A new section 332.316 was created relating to complaints by prisoners and disposition of certain records. Section 332.327 was also created that establishes the dental well-being committee, outlines its powers and duties and addresses the confidentiality of records. Funding for this new statute is being requested in the Board's fiscal year 2001 budget and if funding is approved, the Board anticipates that the well-being committee can be operational by late next summer. Minor changes were also made to Section 332.321, and although most are clean-up measures there is a provision in the revised statute that authorizes the Board to require a person to submit himself or herself for identification, intervention, treatment or rehabilitation by the well-being committee as a condition to issuing or renewing a license. There were also changes implemented to this statute relating to discipline of a licensee for reasons of professional incompetence, or because of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or as a result of any mental or physical condition. When the licensee has been found unqualified to practice because of any of these grounds, the Board can require the person to submit to identification, intervention, treatment or rehabilitation by the well-being committee.

The passage of House Bill No. 409 created a new statute, Section 332.073. This stat-

ute relates to continuation of dental practices when a licensee becomes incapacitated or dies. The surviving spouse or personal representative of the dentist may continue the dental practice for a period of twenty-four months provided that the surviving spouse or personal representative employs or contracts with persons licensed in Missouri to practice dentistry or dental hygiene. The changes to the statutes were implemented on August 28, 1999.

Several changes in Board regulations were implemented on April 30, 1999. Please reference 4 CSR 110-2.010 Licensure by Examination – Dentists; 4 CSR 110.2.030 Licensure by Credentials – Dentists; 4 CSR 110-2.050 Licensure by Examination – Dental Hygienists; and 4 CSR 110-2.070 Licensure by Credentials – Dental Hygienists. With the changes in these rules, the Board rescinded 4 CSR 110-2.020; 4 CSR 110-2.040; 4 CSR 110-2.060; and 4 CSR 110-2.080. Also revised was 4 CSR 110-2.090 Certification of Dental Specialists; 4 CSR 110-2.170 Fees; 4 CSR 110-2.180 General Anesthesia; 4 CSR 110-2.181 Parenteral Conscious Sedation; 4 CSR 110-2.210 Notice of Injury or Death; and 4 CSR 110-2.240 Continuing Dental Education. The rule on referral services, 4 CSR 110-2.112, was rescinded effective April 30, 1999. In light of the number of rule changes implemented on April 30, 1999, we will not attempt to summarize each of the changes for you in this news article. However, the Board strongly encourages you to read and study all of the rule and statute changes.

## INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

The Missouri Dental Board is pleased to provide all licensees with a copy of "**A Guide to Prescribing, Administering and Dispensing Controlled Substances in Missouri.**" The Missouri Task Force On Misuse, Abuse and Diversion of Prescription Drugs has prepared this information for distribution. The Board encourages its licensees to carefully review the enclosed information. It could help you avoid controlled substance violations and alert you to situations to prevent drug diversion and prescription drug abuse. It also contains information that may help you identify drug-seeking patients.

# DISCIPLINARY AND OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE MISSOURI DENTAL BOARD FROM APRIL 1, 1998 TO PRESENT

<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Violation of</u>	<u>Board Action</u>
Nora J. Harmon, RDH	4 CSR 110-2.240 (2) and Section 332.261, RSMo	License Surrender
Ken L. Palmer, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (5), (6), (15) and Section 332.361, RSMo	License Surrender
Frank L. Hoover, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (6), (13), (15), RSMo	30 Day Suspension/5 Years Probation
Dennis A. Stites, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (5) and (15), RSMo	6 Month Suspension/5 Years Probation
Ronnie L. Hurley, DMD	Section 332.321.2 (8), RSMo	5 Years Probation
John L. Sauer, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (2), (5), (6), (15), RSMo	4+ Years Probation
Gregory Brownsberger, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (13), RSMo	3 Years Probation
Mark H. Eichenlaub, III, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (15), RSMo	5 Years Probation
Buford K. Casebolt, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (15), RSMo	14 Day Suspension/5 Years Probation
Gregory J. Stelzer, DDS	Probation	14 Day Suspension/5 Years
Paul A. Bonstead, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (5), (15), RSMo	2 Week Suspension/5 Years Probation
Loren C. McHenry, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (5), (6), (15), RSMo	30 Day Suspension/5 Years Probation
Slayden H. Harris, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (2), (5), (13), RSMo	Revocation
Anne F. Harris, RDH	Section 332.321.2 (15), RSMo	30 Day Suspension/5 Years Probation
Samuel L. Gutovitz, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (5), (6), (15), RSMo	License Surrender
Artis L. Clark, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (5), (6), (13), RSMo	2 Week Suspension/3 Years and 9 Months Probation
Maria A. Kunstadter, DDS	Probation	5 Years Probation
Kenneth S. Powell, II, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (5), (6), (10), (13), RSMo	3 Years Probation
Carrie L. Barnhart, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (5), (6), RSMo	4 Years Probation
Bryan M. Pope, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (6), RSMo	14 Day Suspension/5 Years Probation
Gail I. Jones, RDH	Section 332.321.2 (5), (6), RSMo	Revocation
Sharon Gibbons, RDH	Section 332.321.2 (5), (6), and Section 332.261.4, RSMo	Revocation
Kenneth N. Brosh, DDS	Section 332.321.1 & .2 (5), (13), RSMo	5 Years Probation
Mark F. Maddox, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (5), (6), (15), RSMo	30 Day Suspension/5 Years Probation
Michael J. Sawyer, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (5), (13), RSMo	90 Day Suspension/5 Years Probation
Stephen C. Waller, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (1), (5), (6), (8), (10), (13), (15), and (20), RSMo and 4 CSR 110-2.120	License Re-issued on Probation for 5 Years
Stephen Bozoian, DMD	Section 332.321.2 (5), (13), RSMo	2 Years Probation
Dean O. Cansler, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (15) and Section 332.361.2 (4), RSMo	30 Day Suspension/5 Years Probation
George A. Sroor, DDS	Section 332.321.2 (5), (6), (15), RSMo	5 Years Probation
Denise A. Sroor, RDH	Section 332.321.2 (5), (6), (15), RSMo	90 Days Suspension/5 Years Probation



## MEETING DATES



April 28-29, 2000 – Cape Girardeau, MO

July 28-29, 2000 – Jefferson City, MO

October 27-28, 2000 – Jefferson City, MO

The Missouri Dental Board generally holds its open meetings on Saturday mornings, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Anyone interested in the issues to be discussed on the Board's open agenda should contact the Board office approximately two weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meeting and request a copy of the open agenda.

## NEW LICENSURE SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED A MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION DIRECTOR

On September 23, 1999, the Division of Professional Registration converted to a new licensure system called PROMO. PROMO is an acronym which stands for "Professional Registration of Missouri", and it was developed by IFMC (Iowa Foundation for Medical Care). PROMO is a software program with two components – a licensure system and complaint/investigations tracking system. Following is a brief description of the changes you will experience as a result of the new licensing system.



*Randall Singer*

- **License Numbering System.** With the previous mainframe system, a license number contained the profession code DE followed by a 4-digit number. With PROMO, a license number will be the year of license followed by a 6-digit number. Example: 1999134178. This is a Division-wide numbering system and will allow the Division to capture valuable licensing information on a Division-wide scale. Professions that were licensed prior to September 23, 1999 will still maintain their previous license number in the format of the profession code followed by a 4-digit number.
- **New Security License Paper.** Licenses are now being printed on a new security paper. Several small State of Missouri seals appear on the reverse of both the wallet-size card and wall-hanging document. The seals are in red ink. If you rub on a seal, it will fade. If you photocopy the license or wall-hanging document, VOID will appear on the photocopy. You will also notice that the wallet-size card is laminated and both the wallet-size card and wall-hanging document are perforated for easy removal.
- **More Accessibility to Records.** The new licensure system will allow staff to search for a licensee even if the caller is not exactly sure of the spelling. The system will also allow searches by previous last names.

Since all Board and Commissions under the Division of Professional Registration share the same core business needs, it made sense to convert previous systems to one unified licensure system for the entire Division. Right now we have a lot of data in systems, with implementation of the new PROMO system we are eager to transform that data into information and then wisdom.

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